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1. Fortifications are under construction along the Albanian coast. Since the break of relations with Yugoslavia, the work is being conducted exclusively by Soviet technicians and experts. This work has been intensified with the arrival of a Soviet naval mission. The fortifications are being constructed in depth, particularly at Vlone Bay, on Saseno Island and on the Karaburun peninsula (located directly south of Saseno Island).
2. On Cape Karaburun concrete bunkers exist for automatic weapons; there are four semi-permanent batteries. The remaining artillery emplacements are field fortifications. Up to the present, 16 Soviet batteries of 150 mm. coastal cannon, and two Soviet anti-aircraft batteries of 75 mm. caliber have been installed.
3. On Cape Lingueta four permanent battery emplacements, and concrete bunkers for automatic weapons are located. Up to the present two Soviet batteries of 150 mm. coastal cannon have been installed.
4. On Cape Sen Djin there are bunkers for permanent automatic weapons and two semi-permanent battery emplacements. Up to the present one Soviet battery of 150 mm. cannon has been installed.
5. On Cape Rinkust there are bunkers for permanent automatic weapons, and four semi-permanent battery emplacements stretching from Cape Rinkust one hundred meters away from the sea in the direction of the Memosh mountain.
6. On Saseno Island the work on the construction of a submarine base is almost complete. In the northeastern part there are two underground galleries (pens?) and eight gasoline dumps. In galleries No. 3 and No. 4 on the eastern end of the island, and nearby, there are six gasoline dumps with a total capacity of three million liters. An ammunition dump is located in the southern sector of the island. Fifteen submarines can be berthed at the island.
7. The island has two defense lines; one of concrete with bunkers for automatic weapons, and the other with permanent and semi-permanent artillery emplacements. The major part of the objectives is manned. The garrisons are Albanian under command of Soviet officers.

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